

## III. In the Claims.

1. Please amend claims 1 and 3.
2. Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

1. (Amended) A method of assembling a belt comprising the steps of:  
disposing a plurality of planar bodies in an endless form;  
engaging an endless multi-ribbed tensile member with the planar bodies;

engaging a second endless multi-ribbed tensile member with the planar bodies on an opposite side of the planar bodies to the endless multi-ribbed tensile member;

inserting a spacing member between a predetermined number of planar bodies but not between all planar bodies;

engaging a second endless spacer band in an endless direction and adjacent to the second endless multi-ribbed tensile member;

bending each spacing member to clamp each spacing member to a planar body; and

engaging an endless spacer band adjacent to the endless multi-ribbed tensile member in the planar bodies.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Amended) The method as in claim 1 further comprising the step of:

inserting a spacing member between each of the remaining planar bodies so that a spacing member is disposed between all adjacent planar bodies; and

bending each spacing member to clamp each spacing member to a planar body.